Appraisal of NMES in Andhra Pradesh

1969. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any appraisal of the Centrally-sponsored National Malaria Eradication Scheme has been made in the State of Andhra Pradesh to assess the achievements of the scheme;

(b) if so, the findings thereof including the shortcomings noticed, if any; and

(c) the remedial measures initiated to remove the constraints and to achieve the objectives of the scheme in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (c) A mission of the World Bank carried out a Mid-Term Review of the Enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) in Andhra Pradesh during October-November,2001.

The Mission observed that the State is reducing the overall incidence of Malaria, and that reporting and data analysis are at a high level. They have also recommended for training for acquisition of skill in evaluation.

Training programmes for different category of personnel have accordingly been planned.

Implementation of the National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP) is also monitored through regular reports, returns and visits of the Officers to review the Programme. The findings of the review are shared with the State Government for taking appropriate action.

Traditional food items in departmental canteens

1970. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has drawn up a plan to replace the items of fast food and aerated drinks in departmental canteens and various hospitals with hygienically-prepared traditional and nutritious items;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any canteen offering the traditional food items and fruit drinks has actually started operating;

(d) if so, the response from the public;

(e) whether the scheme is proposed to be extended to various departments of Government including the Public Sector Undertakings; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (f) There is no plan to replace the food items/soft drinks in the departmental canteens/hospitals which are already providing traditional and nutritious items. However, Department of ISM & H has advised Ministry/Department in-charge of Shastri Bhawan, Krishi Bhawan, Udyog Bhawan and Nirman Bhawan for propagating natural food through departmental canteens functioning in these buildings for which technical expertise will be provided by the ISM & H.

Policy for self-financing of medical colleges

1971. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policy of self-financing of medical colleges has worked successfully;

(b) if so, the number of such colleges Government intend to open State-wise; and

(c) the number of applications lying pending with his Ministry for opening of new colleges from the State of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The Medical Council of India has prescribed minimum standards of medical education and all the medical colleges in the country including self-financing medical colleges have to fulfil these norms. According to Medical Council of India, the policy on allowing self-financing medical colleges has worked successfully.

(b) 'Health' being a State subject, it is for the State Government concerned to decide whether they need a medical college. Central Government has no scheme to open medical colleges in the State sector.